A

BILL

TO

Remove Doubts as to the Application of "The Common Lodging Houses Acts" to Ireland, and to amend the Provisions of the same so far as they relate to Ireland.

WHEREAS Doubts have arisen as to whether "The Common Lodging Houses Act, 1851," and "The Common Lodging Houses Act, 1853," extend to Ireland, and Difficulties have occurred in the Execution of the said Acts therein; and it is expedient that such Doubts and Difficulties should be removed, and for that Purpose that the said Acts should be explained and amended with reference to the Execution thereof in Ireland: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Preamble. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 28. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 41.

I. In citing this Act for any Purpose it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Common Lodging Houses Act, Ireland, 1860."

"Short Title."

II. This Act and "The Common Lodging Houses Act, 1851," and "The Common Lodging Houses Act, 1853," shall, for the Purpose of the Execution thereof in Ireland, be construed as if they were One Act.

Recited Acts and this Act to be construed as One.

Printed image digitised by the University of Southampton Library Digitisation Unit

Explanation of Terms in recited Acts.

III. For the Purpose of the Execution of the said recited Acts and of this Act in Ireland, certain Words and Expressions used in the said Acts are hereby declared and explained to have been intended to bear the following Meanings; (that is to say,)

The Word "Place" includes Electoral Division: 5

The Words "Poor Law Medical Officer," and "Medical Officer of the Parish, Place, or District," mean the Medical Officer of the Dispensary District within which any Common Lodging House is situate:

"The Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations" means the Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Municipal "Corporations in Ireland:" 10

The Term "Commou Lodging House" shall mean a House in which Lodgers are boused for a less Period than *One Week* at a Time at an Amount not exceeding *Fourpence* per Head per Night: 15

The Term "Local Authority" shall have the following Meanings: In Boroughs, incorporated under the above-mentioned Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations, or any Charter granted or to be granted in pursuance of it, it shall mean the Town Council of such Borough; in Towns having Town Commissioners elected or appointed under any Act of Parliament it shall mean such Town Commissioners; in all other Places it shall mean the Poor Law Guardians of the Union. 20 25

Local Authority to make Byelaws respecting Common Lodging Houses.

Byelaws to be confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant.

Old Byelaws to continue in force.

IV. The Ninth and Tenth Sections of "The Common Lodging Houses Act, 1851," are hereby repealed as to Ireland, and the following Provisions substituted therefor as to Ireland: The Local Authority may make Byelaws respecting Common Lodging Houses, for the well-ordering of such Houses, and for the Separation of the Sexes therein, and for fixing the Number and Sex of the Lodgers who may he received into each such House, and for promoting Cleanliness and Ventilation therein, and with respect to the Inspection thereof; provided that such Byelaws shall not be repugnant to Law, and shall not be in force until they shall have been confirmed by the Lord Lieutenant or other the Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the Time being, and that any Byelaws heretofore made under the Provisions of the said recited Acts shall continue in full Force and Effect until new Byelaws shall have heen made and confirmed in lieu thereof, under the Provisions of this Act. 30 35 40

Copy of Byelaws to

V. A Copy of the Byelaws made hy the Local Authority under the Provisions of this Act, purporting to be signed by the Chief or Under

Pnnted image digitised by the University of Southampton Library Digitisation Unit

Under Secretary for Ireland on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant, and also signed by the Local Authority (or sealed with the Seal of the same, in case it have a Seal), shall be received as Evidence of such Byelaws, and of their having been duly made and confirmed. received in Evidence.

5 VI. The Penalties imposed by "The Common Lodging House Act, 1851," for Offences against Byelaws made under the Provisions of the said recited Act, shall apply to the Byelaws made under the Provisions of this Act, and such Penalties shall be recoverable before Justices of the Peace at Petty Sessions; and all the Provisions of 10 the Petty Sessions Act, Ireland, shall apply to the Proceedings for Recovery of such Penalty. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 28. s. 14. Penalties imposed by recited Acts to apply to Byelaws made under this Act.

VII. The Expenses of the Execution of the said Acts and of this Act are to be defrayed in Boroughs out of the Borough Fund, in Towns having Town Commissioners out of the Rates levied by 15 such Commissioners, and in other Places out of the Rates for the Relief of the destitute Poor. Expense to be levied off the whole of an Electoral Division.

VIII. Nothing herein contained shall affect any Provision of the Towns Improvement, Ireland, Act, or any Byelaw duly made under its Provisions. Extent of Act.

20 IX. All Acts and Proceedings for the Execution and Enforcement of the Provisions of the said Common Lodging Houses Acts shall be as valid as if said Acts had originally included Ireland. Former Proceedings validated.

X. This Act shall extend to Ireland only. Extent of Act.

Printed image digitised by the University of Southampton Library Digitisation Unit

Common Lodging Houses (Ireland).

A

BILL

To remove Doubts as to the Application of "The Common Lodging Houses Acts" to Ireland, and to amend the Provisions of the same so far as they relate to Ireland.

(Prepared and brought in by Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, and Mr. Cardwell.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,* 15 *March* 1860.

[Bill 76]

Under 1 *oz.*

Printed image digitised by the University of Southampton Library Digitisation Unit